

Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET May 16 – 22, 2019

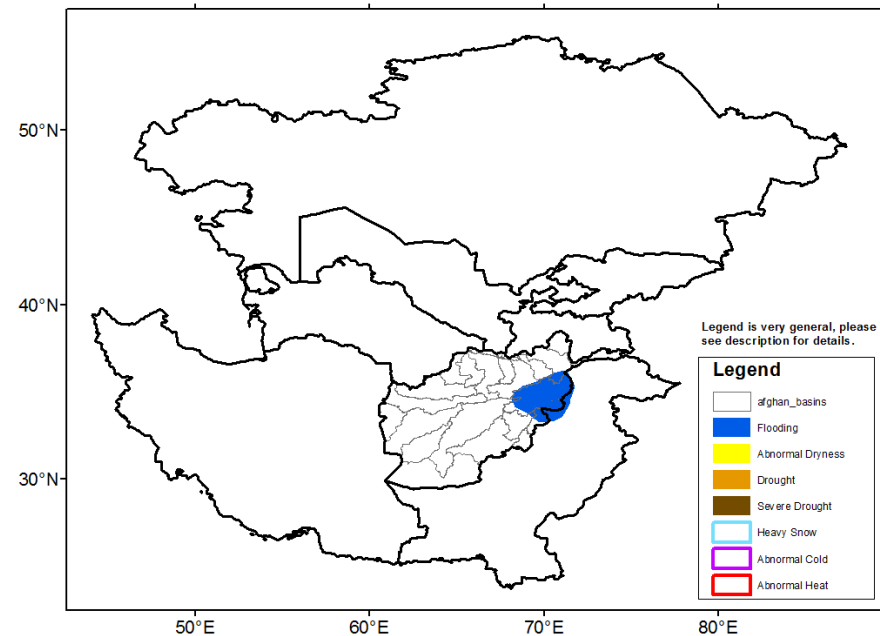
Temperatures:

Temperatures averaged above normal throughout the region from May 5 to 11 with the largest positive anomalies (7 to 11 degrees C) observed across northern Kazakhstan. Maximum temperatures reached 30 degrees C as far north as northern Kazakhstan, while maximum temperatures ranged from 35 to 37 degrees C in the lower elevations of western and southern Afghanistan. The GFS model indicates that maximum temperatures will remain above normal across Kazakhstan through mid-May with near to slightly below normal temperatures across Afghanistan.

Precipitation

Mostly dry weather prevailed throughout the region with little to no precipitation observed from May 5 to 11. According to the CMORPH satellite estimates, precipitation has averaged at or above normal for much of the region although there are small negative anomalies across parts of northeast Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan.

The GFS model indicates a return of locally heavy rain (more than 50 mm) across northeast Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan during the next week. Based on this forecast of locally heavy rain and recent snow melt, a flooding hazard is posted for parts of northeast Afghanistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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